

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COURT
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In the matter of
DARLENE JUDITH (MULHOLLAND) ROMO

Charles Eric Mulholland,
Petitioner.

Case No. C-139-1111
Hon. Jenny Lee Kronk

Charles Eric Mulholland,
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**ORDER DETERMINING HEIRS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGMENT FUNDS**

On November 28, 2011, Charles Eric Mulholland, Petitioner, filed in this matter a Petition, and subsequently, on December 6, 2011, filed an Amended Petition to Determine Heirs for Purpose of Judgment Fund, requesting that the Court determine the heirs eligible to receive the payment due his mother, Darlene Judith (Mulholland) Romo, under A Plan for the Use of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Judgment Fund Distribution under Waganakising Odawak Statute 1999-006. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) Associate Judge, the Honorable Jenny Lee Kronk, held a hearing in this matter on January 5, 2012. Present at the hearing were the deceased's three children, Charles Eric Mulholland, Barbara Ruth Memon, and Amy Elizabeth Cepeda, and the Tribal attorney, James Bransky.

Findings of Fact

1. Darlene Judith (Mulholland) Romo was an enrolled member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Enrollment Number 2375.
2. Darlene Judith (Mulholland) Romo died on May 13, 1999.
3. Darlene Judith (Mulholland) Romo's spouse is deceased.

4. The children of Darlene Judith (Mulholland) Romo still living are:
 - a. Petitioner, Charles Eric Mulholland;
 - b. Barbara Ruth Memon; and
 - c. Amy Elizabeth Cepeda.
5. Darlene Judith (Mulholland) died without leaving a will.

Conclusions of Law

WOS 1999-006, Sections II (A) and (C) describe how a deceased tribal member's trust funds shall be distributed:

- A. In the event that a Tribal member who is eligible to receive a payment under the Plan should die before the funds are distributed, that individual's payment shall be distributed to his/her heirs at law. . . .
- C. If no will was present at the time of his/her death, the shares shall be distributed to any surviving spouse, or, in the absence of a surviving spouse, shall be distributed equally to any surviving children. . . .

Darlene Judith (Mulholland) Romo has no surviving spouse. For the purpose of WOS 1999-006, the heirs of Darlene Judith (Mulholland) Romo are Charles Eric Mulholland, Barbara Ruth Memon, and Amy Elizabeth Cepeda. Therefore, Darlene Judith (Mulholland) Romo's trust shares shall be distributed equally to her surviving children and heirs.

Therefore, it is **ORDERED** that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Trust Fund Board is authorized to release one third (1/3) of the funds being held by virtue of Share Certificates 2345 and 5345 equally to Charles Eric Mulholland, Barbara Ruth Memon, and Amy Elizabeth Cepeda.

January 5, 2012
January 5, 2012

Jenny Lee Kronk
Hon. Jenny Lee Kronk, LTBB Associate Judge

Certification of Service

I certify that a copy of the Order Determining Heirs for the Purpose of Distribution of Judgment Funds was served upon the following parties:

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Plaintiff's Sister

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Plaintiff's Sister

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Traverse City, MI 49684

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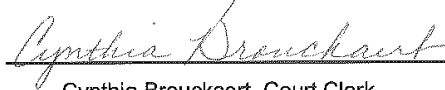
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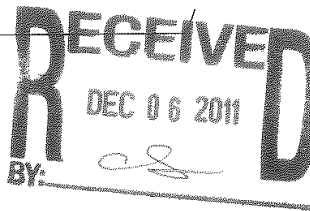
**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DARLENE JUDITH ROMO (MULHOLLAND), DECEASED

CASE No: C-095-1110
HON. JENNY LEE KRONK

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**ORDER DETERMINING HEIRS
FOR PURPOSE OF JUDGMENT FUND**

The Court having received the Petition of Charles E. Mulholland for a determination of heirs eligible to receive the payment due Darlene Judith Romo (Mulholland) under A Plan for the Use of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Judgment Fund Distribution ("Plan") under Waganakising Odawak Statute 1999006 finds and orders as follows:

Findings:

1. Darlene Judith Romo (Mulholland) was an enrolled member in the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and pursuant to the Plan was the holder of Share Certificates 2345 and 5345;
2. Darlene Judith Romo (Mulholland) died on May 13, 1999;
3. Darlene Judith Romo (Mulholland) had no surviving spouse when she died and three

surviving children, who are all still living, namely:

- A. Petitioner, Charles E. Mulholland
 - B. Barbara Ruth Memon
 - C. Amy Elizabeth Cepeda
- 4. Darlene Judith Romo (Mulholland) died without leaving a will.
 - 5. Waganakising Odawak Statute 1999006, Section II.C. says that in the absence of a surviving spouse as decedent's shares shall be distributed equally to any surviving children. Barbara Ruth Memon executed an affidavit acknowledging that she is entitled to an equal share, and assigning payment of her share to Petitioner Charles E. Mulholland in payment and appreciation for caring for their mother during her convalescence before her death.

ORDER

- 1. For purposes of Waganakising Odawa Statute 1999006 the heirs of Judith Romo (Mulholland) are Charles E. Mulholland, Barbara Ruth Memon and Amy Elizabeth Cepeda.
- 2. The Trust Fund Board is authorized to release 2/3 of the funds being held by virtue of Share Certificates 2345 and 5345 to Charles E. Mulholland, and 1/3 of said funds to Amy Elizabeth Cepeda.

Date: _____

Hon. Jenny Lee Kronk, LTBB Associate Judge

